

Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

January 23, 2014

Present:

Don Wiley, Chair – Linwood Neighborhood Association

Interim Chief Steve Bartol, Milwaukie Police Department

Linda Hedges – Member At Large

Joanne Bird – Island Station Neighborhood Association

Ray Bryan – Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association

Mary Weaver - Campbell Neighborhood Association

Pepi Anderson, Lewelling Neighborhood Association

Sonja Souder, Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association

Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association

Two firefighters from Station 2

Apologies: Doug Zier – a prospective PSAC member at large

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m by Chairman Don Wiley.

Don asked if everyone had read the minutes from the previous meeting. Ray Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes. Sue Richardson seconded the motion. Agreed unanimously.

Fire Department Report:

- Two firefighters from Station 2 attended and reported that CFD#1 has received a \$1.9 million grant that will fund the hiring of 9 firefighter/EMTs. They are also seeking grants for engine replacement.
- Operation Santa collected over 17000 lbs of food and toys that were provided to 500 local families, including 1100 children.

Brett Kelter, Milwaukie Planning Department

- Mr. Kelter described the on-going effort on the ODOT-funded grant to design the Monroe Street Greenway. All NDAs have been invited to provide two representatives and a Clackamas County planner as well as Milwaukie planning, streets and engineering staff and also Bike Milwaukie will have a representative on the project advisory group. He suggested two PSAC representatives should also participate. Linda Hedges reminded him that she had asked him at an earlier meeting to be sure to include a representative from CFD#1 to represent emergency responders and he agreed this would occur. He reminded everyone that the changes are not meant to mean only bicyclists will be safer, but walkers will also benefit, and the goal is to slow traffic. Street parking may be left in place as research has shown that it actually slows down traffic. There was discussion over using signage to divert heavy trucks from using Monroe as a cut through to downtown from 224.

- Mary Weaver and others described a problem raised by a number of concerned neighbors over insufficient reflective materials prior to the beginning of the Quiet Zone street improvements, especially at 37th and Railroad.

Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation financial report

- Dolly Macken-Hambright, MPSF Treasurer, distributed and explained a report on fundraising through the Foundation that has supported the K-9 program, CERT/Legion Shelter, Officer of the Year Award Dinner and the Bike Giveaway. She mentioned that their funding is primarily community-based through individual donations and volunteer efforts.
- She mentioned an April 5th fundraiser at the American Legion that will benefit the Bike Giveaway program.

Police Department report:

- Interim Chief Bartol reported that he swore in our newest officer, Hector Campos, last week. Officer Campos will be attending the academy in February.
- Bartol reported the department is sending to background check one records specialist position following interviews. He said one officer candidate is being sent to background check and four or five interviews will be held next week for additional vacancies. He mentioned Officer Crystal Hill is beginning her new role as School Resources Officer (SRO). In the summer she will work in the detective division, learning investigative skills and backing up staffing there.
- Those interested in retrieving or looking at crime data in their own neighborhood can go on-line at <http://portlandmaps.com/maps/police> and look at crime mapping. A person can also sign up at that location to receive monthly emails on criminal activity in their area.
- We discussed continuing to try to get an MHS rep this year and decided instead to ask Officer Hill to seek a sophomore or junior who could begin next year and who would be able to contribute for a longer period of time, someone with perhaps an interest in a law enforcement career.

Portland Milwaukie Light Rail report:

- Ray Bryan reported that at the last CAC meeting they discussed the on-line Tri-Met survey gathering opinions about bus routes that will be cut or changed following implementation of the Orange Light Rail Line. He encouraged everyone to go on-line to provide their opinion. Concern was expressed about cuts to service and queries as to how people will actually get to the light rail stations if bus routes are curtailed. The 29 route service is particularly seen as an important conduit between CTC and downtown Milwaukie's LR station, especially without a parking garage installation in downtown Milwaukie.
- The artwork at the Tacoma station has been partially installed. Other artwork is also being installed along the Orange Line.

- As part of future security plans the Bybee Station and Park Avenue station will have equipment installed for an electronic fare system, although not made operational yet, that will prevent anyone entering the platform without a valid ticket.
- Safety Education is thought to be planned to start in January 2015. It was suggested that presentations be made to PSAC and the NDAs before the schools.
- New Urban High School students will be hired to install landscaping at the Park Avenue station.

Emergency Preparedness Seminars/Events:

- Business Ready program has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th – 2 hour overview seminar, with a 3 hour follow-up workshop on April 12th. A draft brochure was distributed.
- Discussion over Wellness/Safety/Preparedness Fair. Linda has reserved the Milwaukie Center for May 10th. The Fair will be open from 10am-2pm. She listed the vendors and participants she has scheduled to date, including CFD#1, AMR for child safety seat safety demonstration, food preservation (Don Wiley), domestic violence and abuse prevention, Protection One, a long-shelf life food vendor, free blood pressure checks by nursing students from the Harmony CCC Nursing program, Milwaukie community gardens, Milwaukie Police Cadets, CERT, American Red Cross, Clackamas County Health Department and Clackamas Injury Rehab for free massage and acupuncture. A number of vendors still need to be contacted such as PHLUSH (water and sanitation following a disaster), dental health and healthy eating, Identity Theft and Computer Fraud, 24 hour Fitness, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design display, OHSU Trauma nurses with their bike helmet safety program, a lock manufacturer representative, a preparedness supply store and the local LDS church. The American legion Post #180 will be invited to set up a display about their effort to bring the Vietnam Veterans Wall display to Milwaukie in 2015 and to promote their community assistance programs. It was suggested that we provide the MPSF K-9 fund to display and seek donations.

Police Recognition Dinner is scheduled for February 27th. Grant money from NDAs has contributed almost \$1000 so far. Dinner menu includes prime rib, chicken, salad and vegetables and dessert and beverages. There will be a no-host bar. The dinner cost will be \$22 and the MPSF website is ready to take dinner reservations and payments. www.Milwaukiepsf.org.

Bike Giveaway Project was discussed. Pepi Anderson had already made some connections with Eric from the Bike Peddler in Sellwood, who agreed to continue to provide some support for donated bike repairs, representatives of Bike Milwaukie want to help, and she still needed to connect with others who had

already started planning fundraising activities. Storage for donated bikes is an issue. Primarily efforts will focus on fundraising to purchase new bikes. Up to 50 bikes for 5 schools Milwaukie schools is planned. An April 5th fundraiser at the Legion will help to raise some funds. It was suggested that we could include bike donation drop-offs on the Shred It/Drug Turn In day April 26th.

NDA Reports:

- Hector Campbell – Linda Hedges reported that one of their neighbors had experienced someone shining their bright lights off and on at them as she drove down Home Avenue and she was concerned it could have been the same person who posed as an undercover police officer to pull over a woman in north Portland. Chief Bartol reminded everyone the best way to deal with any activities that concern a neighbor is to immediately report it.
- Historic Milwaukie NDA
There is a great deal of concern in the Historic Milwaukie neighborhood over NW Housing Alternatives' plans to knock down 7 houses across from the high school and build a three story, 40 unit retail and mixed low-income and affordable housing unit. Ray Bryan reported that one neighbor who has resisted attempts to buy her out had commented at their NDA meeting that she stopped calling the police about criminal activity because there was just too much of it there. Chief Bartol asked for her contact details so he could discuss this issue with her.

JoAnne Bird moved and Pepi Anderson seconded a motion to end the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next meeting will be March 27th, 2014 at the PSB Community Room, 6:15pm. The Police Officer of the Year Award Dinner will be held on the usual PSAC meeting night, February 27th, at the American Legion. (Don't forget to buy your tickets!).